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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and the considerable value of beaches and their role in American culture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and the considerable value of beaches and their role in American culture.

Whereas coastal areas produce 85 percent of all United States tourism dollars and are the leading tourism destination in America;

Whereas over 50 percent of the population of the United States lives in coastal counties;

Whereas the beaches in these coastal counties provide recreational opportunities for numerous Americans and their families who, together with international tourists, make

almost 2,000,000,000 trips to the beach each year to fish, sunbathe, boat, swim, surf, and bird-watch;

Whereas beaches are a critical driver of the American economy and its competitiveness in the global economy;

Whereas beaches represent a critical part of our natural heritage and a beautiful part of the American landscape;

Whereas beaches are sensitive ecosystems, susceptible to degradation and alteration from natural forces, sea level rise, pollution, untreated sewage, and improper use;

Whereas members of the Government, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations, along with citizen volunteers, have worked diligently to clean up and protect our beaches over the years;

Whereas great strides have been made in understanding the science of watersheds and the connections between inland areas and coastal waters;

Whereas the Federal Government should develop science-based policies that are commensurate with that knowledge; and

Whereas a 7-day week, commencing in June and including July 5, will be observed as National Clean Beaches Week:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Clean Beaches Week;

4 (2) recognizes the value of beaches to the Amer-
5 ican way of life and the important contributions of
6 beaches to the economy, recreation, and natural en-
7 vironment of the United States; and

1 (3) encourages Americans to work to keep
2 beaches safe and clean for the continued enjoyment
3 of the public and to engage in activities during Na-
4 tional Clean Beaches Week that foster stewardship,
5 healthy living, and volunteerism along our coastlines.

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